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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

Situation in Kashmir

(Report #2 - As of 11:00 a.m. EDT)

1. The Pakistani Interservices Intelligence Directorate has briefed Western military attachés on the nature of Pakistan's incursion yesterday into the Chhamb sector of Indian Kashmir. The Pakistanis claim that the operation was a defensive response to Indian forays across the cease-fire line at Kargil, Tithwal, and Uri. The briefer cited recent Indian declarations that New Delhi does not intend to relinquish the territory wrested from Pakistan. He claimed that the fighting had stopped after "an easy march to the river east of Chhamb." Attacking forces consisted of more than six battalions. The briefer admitted that Pakistani armor and artillery were involved.

2. Reports from New Delhi indicate that the Indians are moving to counter the Pakistani drive and that heavy fighting is continuing. The course of the engagement at this point is not clear. New Delhi reports that the Indians and Pakistanis are exchanging artillery fire across the cease-fire line 30 miles north of Chhamb.

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3. A rumor current in New Delhi as of 1400 local time (4:30 a.m. EDT) on 2 September held that Kashmir's winter capital of Jammu--about 20 miles from Chhamb--had been bombarded by the Pakistanis. It is not clear whether aerial or artillery bombardment is meant. An Indian airlines' pilot stated at that time that an aircraft carrying two officers from the US military supply mission in India dispatched today to Jammu to investigate Indian charges that the Pakistanis are using MAP-supplied tanks was diverted to Amritsar (in the Punjab) because it was not considered safe to land at Jammu. This report has not yet been confirmed.

4. The US Army attaché in New Delhi reports that he believes the Indian 4th and 6th divisions, have moved westward from their regular stations north and east of New Delhi to the positions they held near the Pakistani border during the Rann of Kutch crisis. Such a deployment could signal the beginning of a build-up along the Punjab border similar to that which developed during the Kutch confrontation--125,000 Indians facing 80,000 Pakistanis.

5. The US Navy attaché in Karachi reports that five Pakistani destroyers have put out to sea, leaving the navy's sole submarine, six coastal mine-sweepers, and an oiler in port. All other units are presumably at sea. This deployment is similar to that which the Pakistanis undertook during the Kutch crisis.

6. UN Secretary General Thant has told Ambassador Goldberg that he is planning to reinstitute the Bunche conciliation mission to the area, presumably after he receives replies to the appeals he sent yesterday to Shastri and Ayub for a return to the provisions of the 1949 cease-fire agreement. Under Secretary Bunche was originally scheduled to depart for India and Pakistan on 21 August, but the trip was canceled when the two sides attached mutually exclusive conditions to accepting the visit.

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